

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method for customizing a financial account product for an applicant, the method comprising:

receiving account preference information from the applicant, the account preference information describing the applicant's preferences concerning various features of the financial account product;

recommending at least one first financial account product to the applicant based on the received account preference information;

providing to the applicant a plurality of selectable options for further defining predetermined features of the recommended financial account product;

receiving the applicant's selected options for the predetermined features of the recommended financial account product; and

customizing the recommended financial account product based on the applicant's selected options.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined features of the recommended financial account product selectable by the applicant comprise:

at least one of the following: an annual percentage rate associated with the financial account product, a fee structure associated with the financial account product, and a credit limit associated with the financial account product.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing to the applicant a plurality of selectable options, includes:

permitting the applicant to prioritize each of the plurality of predetermined features; and

customizing the recommended financial account product based on the applicant's prioritization of the predetermined features.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein providing to the applicant a plurality of selectable options includes:

determining, for a first predetermined feature, the value of the selectable option for the first predetermined feature based on an option selected by the applicant for a second predetermined feature of the recommended financial account product.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein recommending the first financial account product includes:

recommending the first financial account product to the applicant based on the received account preference information and based on information contained in an application submitted by the applicant.

6. (Original) A system for customizing a financial account product for an applicant, the method comprising:

means for receiving account preference information from the applicant, the account preference information describing the applicant's preferences concerning various features of the financial account product;

means for recommending a first financial account product to the applicant based on the received account preference information;

means for providing to the applicant a plurality of selectable options for further defining predetermined features of the recommended financial account product;

means for receiving the applicant's selected options for the predetermined features of the recommended financial account product; and

means for customizing the recommended financial account product based on the applicant's selected options.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the predetermined features of the recommended financial account product selectable by the applicant comprise:

at least one of the following: an annual percentage rate associated with the financial account product, a fee structure associated with the financial account product, and a credit limit associated with the financial account product.

8. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein means for providing to the applicant a plurality of selectable options, includes:

means for permitting the applicant to prioritize each of the plurality of predetermined features; and

means for customizing the recommended financial account product based on the applicant's prioritization of the predetermined features.

9. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein means for providing to the applicant a plurality of selectable options includes:

means for determining, for a first predetermined feature, the value of the selectable option for the first predetermined feature based on an option selected by the applicant for a second predetermined feature of the recommended financial account product.

10. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein means for recommending the first financial account product includes:

means for recommending the first financial account product to the applicant based on the received account preference information and based on information contained in an application submitted by the applicant.

11. (Original) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for customizing a financial account product for an applicant, the instructions comprising:

receiving account preference information from the applicant, the account preference information describing the applicant's preferences concerning various features of the financial account product;

recommending a first financial account product to the applicant based on the received account preference information;

providing to the applicant a plurality of selectable options for further defining predetermined features of the recommended financial account product;
receiving the applicant's selected options for the predetermined features of the recommended financial account product; and
customizing the recommended financial account product based on the applicant's selected options.

12. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the predetermined features of the recommended financial account product selectable by the applicant comprise:

at least one of the following: an annual percentage rate associated with the financial account product, a fee structure associated with the financial account product, and a credit limit associated with the financial account product.

13. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein providing to the applicant a plurality of selectable options, includes:

permitting the applicant to prioritize each of the plurality of predetermined features; and

customizing the recommended financial account product based on the applicant's prioritization of the predetermined features.

14. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein providing to the applicant a plurality of selectable options includes:

means for determining, for a first predetermined feature, the value of the selectable option for the first predetermined feature based on an option selected by the applicant for a second predetermined feature of the recommended financial account product.

15. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein recommending the first financial account product includes:

recommending the first financial account product to the applicant
based on the received account preference information and based on information contained in an application submitted by the applicant.

16. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the received account preference information from the applicant includes at least one of the following:

information reflecting how often the applicant carries a balance for other types of financial account products, information regarding typical uses of current financial account products held by the applicant, and information reflecting one or more desired financial product features that most appeal to the applicant.

17. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the information regarding one or more desired features that most appeal to the applicant includes at least one of the following:

online shopping, warranty protection, replacement of loss, stolen or damaged items, travel assistance services, ability to select a look of a new card associated with the financial account product, a payment due date, and additional authorized users associated with the financial account product.

18. (New) The system of claim 6, wherein the received account preference information from the applicant includes at least one of the following:

information reflecting how often the applicant carries a balance for other types of financial account products, information regarding typical uses of current financial account products held by the applicant, and information reflecting one or more desired financial product features that most appeal to the applicant.

19. (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the information regarding one or more desired features that most appeal to the applicant includes at least one of the following:

online shopping, warranty protection, replacement of loss, stolen or damaged items, travel assistance services, ability to select a look of a new card associated with the financial account product, a payment due date, and additional authorized users associated with the financial account product.

20. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the received account preference information from the applicant includes at least one of the following:

information reflecting how often the applicant carries a balance for other types of financial account products, information regarding typical uses of current financial account products held by the applicant, and information reflecting one or more desired financial product features that most appeal to the applicant.

21. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 20, wherein the information regarding one or more desired features that most appeal to the applicant includes at least one of the following:

online shopping, warranty protection, replacement of loss, stolen or damaged items, travel assistance services, ability to select a look of a new card associated with the financial account product, a payment due date, and additional authorized users associated with the financial account product.